

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, Phelan-McDermid Syndrome, also known as 22q13 Deletion Syndrome, is a rare genetic disorder caused by the deletion, or absence, of genes on the distal long arm (q) of chromosome 22; and

WHEREAS, The disorder is generally characterized by hypotonia (low muscle tone), developmental delay, normal to accelerated growth, severely delayed to totally absent speech, moderate to profound mental incapability, and minor dysmorphic features; and

WHEREAS, Behavioral characteristics of someone with Phelan-McDermid Syndrome can include chewing on clothing, bedding, toys and other non-food items; teeth grinding; tongue thrusting; hair pulling; and aversion to clothes; and

WHEREAS, The 2009 observance of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome helps raise awareness of this disorder and those whose lives it affects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim July 25 –31, 2009, as

PHELAN – MCDERMID SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort
this 18th day of June, in the year of Our Lord Two
Thousand Nine and in the 218th year of the
Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson", written over a horizontal line.

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

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